

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 41 of the First Extraordinary Session  
By Graves

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. Durham  
on the celebration of their golden wedding  
anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to congratulate special citizens  
as they celebrate milestones in their venerable lives; and

WHEREAS, on April 23, 1949, Walter and Anna Durham were joined in holy  
matrimony, and since that memorable day this loving couple has shared the joys and sorrows  
of life's journey; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Durham have been highly respected citizens of the Gallatin  
community for all their adult lives; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's blessed union has produced four children who have been  
fortunate to have parents who represent the very essence of commitment, responsibility and  
love of family; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Gallatin High School, Mr. Walter Durham ably served  
his country in the U.S. Army Air Force from 1943-1946, including overseas service in Italy and  
Africa; and

WHEREAS, upon returning home, Walter began his academic career by attending the  
University of Wisconsin and he received his Bachelor of Arts degree and Master's degree from  
Vanderbilt University; he was a valued member of Phi Beta Kappa and Pi Sigma Alpha honors  
societies and a member of Sigma Nu fraternity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Durham currently serves with distinction as the Chair of Durham  
Manufacturing Company and the Advisory Board of First American National Bank; and

WHEREAS, he was founder, and later President, of Gallatin Aluminum Products Co., Inc., where he served as a member of the board of directors, treasurer, and division vice-president; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Durham is also an award-winning author of 14 successful books; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Anna Armstrong Coile Durham has been a Gallatin correspondent for the Nashville *Tennessean*; she has also been a substitute teacher for grades 1-12, both in the city and county schools; and

WHEREAS, for over forty years, Mrs. Durham has been a student of the writings and recorded lectures of the Austrian-born philosopher and scientist, Rudolf Steiner; and

WHEREAS, she has been a dedicated advocate for public mental health for many years and was a founder and charter member of the board of the Cumberland Mental Health Services; and

WHEREAS, they evince their devout faith as members of the First United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, for fifty golden years this union has endured to stand as a testament to the power of love and family; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as this are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby pause to honor and congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. Durham as they celebrate their golden wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.